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VRS IN MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL has introduced VRS to its Group `C` and `D` employees;

(b) if so, whether the Government has given its approval to the said voluntary retirement scheme;

(c) whether the Government has issued the notification regarding their pensionary benefits as is issued for the regular employees;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when it is likely to be issued;

(e) the number of employees who opted for this scheme;

(f) whether the Government proposes to introduce this scheme to the Group `A` and `B` officers; and (g) if so, the time by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. The scheme was in operation from 6th December, 2004 to 31st January, 2005.

(b) Since MTNL is a Navratna Public Sector Undertaking, the VR Scheme was approved by MTNL`s Board of Directors.

(c) There is no difference in the pensionary benefits of the VRS optees and normal cases of superannuation.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Total number of 2017 employees have opted for the scheme.

(f) & (g): Presently the Group `A` officers are on deemed deputation and hence, MTNL cannot come out with VRS for them. As regards Group `B` officers, MTNL has not yet come out with a VRS scheme.